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a switch mounted in the portable housing having a first input for receiving the sequence of digital still images from the decoder and a second input for receiving the sequence of digital still images from the random-access, computer-readable and writeable medium, and an output connected to provide one of the received sequences of digital still images to the input of the encoder;

an interface on the portable housing for causing the switch to provide one of the first and second inputs to the input of the encoder; and

means, in the portable housing, for enabling the user to specify a sequence of segments of the plurality of data files stored on the random-access, computer-readable and writeable medium; and

means, in the portable housing, for enabling the user to initiate playback of full motion video by the encoder by providing the digital still images from the plurality of data files stored on the random-access, computer-readable and writeable medium through the switch according to the specified sequence of segments of the plurality of data files.

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3. (Four times amended) A digital video recording device, comprising:

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a portable housing;

a camera mounted in the portable housing having an output for providing a full motion video signal;

a digital, computer-readable and writeable random access medium mounted in the portable housing;

means, in the portable housing, for enabling a user to capture digital video information corresponding to the full motion video signal into a plurality of data files in a computer readable file format on the digital, computer-readable and writeable random-access medium;

an encoder mounted in the portable housing and having a first input for receiving digital video information from files stored on the digital computer-readable and writeable random-access medium, a second input for receiving digital video information corresponding to the full motion video signal from the camera and an output providing a video signal according to the first or second input;

means in the portable housing for causing the encoder to select between the first and second inputs; and

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means in the portable housing for enabling the user to specify a sequence of segments of the plurality of data files stored on the digital, computer-readable and writeable random-access medium; and

means in the portable housing for enabling the user to initiate playback of full motion video by the encoder by providing the digital video information from the plurality of data files stored on the digital, computer-readable and writeable random-access medium to the first input of the encoder according to the specified sequence of segments of the plurality of data files.

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20 (Amended) A digital video recording device, comprising:

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a camera mounted in the portable housing having an output for providing a full motion video signal;

a digital, computer-readable and writeable random access medium mounted in the portable housing;

means, in the portable housing, for enabling a user to capture digital video information corresponding to the full motion video signal into a plurality of data files in a computer readable file format on the digital, computer-readable and writeable random-access medium;

an encoder mounted in the portable housing and having a first input for receiving digital video information from files stored on the digital computer-readable and writeable random-access medium, a second input for receiving digital video information corresponding to the full motion video signal from the camera and an output providing a video signal according to the first or second input;

means in the portable housing for causing the encoder to select between the first and second inputs; and

means in the portable housing for enabling the user to specify a list of portions of the plurality of data files stored on the digital, computer-readable and writeable random-access medium; and

means in the portable housing for enabling the user to initiate playback of full motion video by the encoder as a contiguous output signal by providing the digital video information from the plurality of data files stored on the digital, computer-readable and writeable random-